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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 10/040,942; Filed: January 9, 2002

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Inventors: Cheryl K. BORDERS *et al.*Our Ref: 1533.0580001/SRL/NJL

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated February 7, 2002, Applicants submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. SKGF Cover Letter;
- 2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
- 3. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 4. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
- 5. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
- 6. Assignee 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement with copy of Assignment attached;
- 7. One (1) return postcard; and
- 8. Our Check No. 34582 for \$1,608.00 to cover: \$740.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) \$738.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) \$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16).

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Respectfully submitted,

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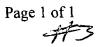
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$738.
 - \$738 for 41 total claims over 20.
- · The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1608.

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